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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - ALLEGATIONS OF FAVORITISM TOWARD VARIG
PASSENGERS

1. FOLLOWING IS SELF EXPLANATORY TEXT OF LETTER FROM
PANAMERICAN TO DEPT:
QUOTE: BRAZILIAN IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS CURRENTLY REQUIRE
VISAS FOR ALL PERSONS BORN IN CUBA OR OTHER COMMUNIST
COUNTRIES, REGARDLESS OF THEIR PRESENT CITIZENSHIP. WHILE
WE CANNOT FAULT SUCH A REQUIREMENT PER SE WE, DO, HOWEVER,
NOTE THAT THE RULE IS NOT UNIFORMLY ENFORCED. WE ARE
ADVISED THAT PASSENGERS IN THIS CATEGORY TRAVELING ON
VARIG ARE EXEMPT FROM THE VISA REQUIREMENT. WE BELIEVE
THIS TYPE OF FAVORITISM OF A NATIONAL CARRIER IS DISCRIMI-
NATORY AND IS A MATTER WHICH SHOULD BE REVIEWED UNDER THE
TERMS OF THE U. S.- BRAZIL AIR AGREEMENT. END QUOTE.

2. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONFIRMATION AND COMMENTS
ON ALLEGATION OF FAVORITISM TOWARD VARIG PASSENGERS.
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SUGGEST CHECK BE MADE WITH BOTH PANAM AND BRANIFF LOCAL
REPS. IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO DOCUMENT A PATTERN OF
PRACTICE WHICH DISCRIMINATES AGAINST U. S. CARRIERS,
THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE A BASIS FOR CALLING THIS TO GOB' S
ATTENTION. RUSH

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